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Re: Docket No. 2012-136-C
Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff for a Timely Review FCC
Mandated Reductions to Intrastate Access Tariffs

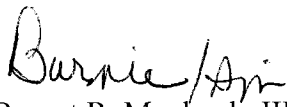
Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Attached for filing please find Windstream South Carolina, LLC's Petition to Intervene in the above-referenced matter.

By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record with a copy of this Petition to Intervene as indicated on the attached Certificate of Service.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,



Burnet R. Maybank, III

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cc: Nanette S. Edwards, Esq. via email

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**BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA**

Docket Number SC Docket Number 2012-136-C

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Reductions to Intrastate Access Tariffs**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, Shirley J. Neal, hereby certifies that she is employed by the law firm of Nexsen Pruet, LLC and that she caused a copy of Windstream South Carolina, LLC's Petition to Intervene to be served by email as shown below on the 5th day of June, 2012.

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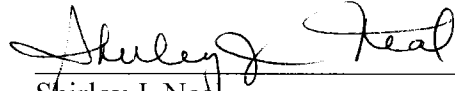
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

(Caption of Case)

PETITION OF THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY
STAFF FOR A PROCEEDING TO TIMELY
REVIEW FCC MANDATED REDUCTIONS TO
INTRASTATE ACCESS TARIFFS

BEFORE THE
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OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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☒ Emergency Relief demanded in petition ☐ Request for item to be placed on Commission's Agenda expeditiously

☐ Other:

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INTRASTATE ACCESS TARIFFS)	

WINDSTREAM SOUTH CAROLINA, LLC'S PETITION TO INTERVENE

Petitioner Windstream South Carolina, LLC ("Windstream") hereby petitions the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") pursuant to Rule 103-825 of the Commission's Rules, for an order allowing Windstream to intervene in the above-referenced Docket with full rights to participate as a party of record. In support of its Petition, Windstream submits the following to the Commission:

1. Windstream is a facilities-based incumbent local exchange carrier in South Carolina.
2. Windstream seeks to intervene in this proceeding with full rights to participate as a party of record to represent its interests.
3. On March 29, 2012, the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") filed a petition requesting that the Commission order all local exchange carriers affected by the FCC's USF/ICC Reform Order¹ to file appropriate tariff revisions on or before June 1, 2012 to provide the ORS, the Commission, and others the opportunity to review the proposed tariff filings prior to the July 1, 2012 deadline established by the FCC.

¹ See *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-61 (rel. Nov. 18, 2011) and Order on Reconsideration, FCC 11-189 (rel. Dec. 23, 2011). The ILEC Group also notes that the FCC's December 7, 2011 Order in this docket was amended by an Errata Order issued December 9, 2011 ("ICC/USF Reform Order").

4. On April 27, 2012, the South Carolina Cable Television Association (“SCCTA”) filed a Petition to Intervene in this docket. SCCTA’s filing also included a request for the Commission to examine the effect of the FCC’s ICC/USF Reform Order on the South Carolina Interim LEC Fund (“ILF”).

5. On May 2, 2012, the Competitive Carriers of the South (“CompSouth”) filed a Petition to Intervene in this docket. CompSouth concurrently filed in this docket a Petition to Implement the FCC’s Inter-carrier Compensation and Universal Service Reform order, requesting the Commission to consider re-examining and modifying the South Carolina ILF in light of the FCC’s action.

6. On May 3, 2012, the South Carolina Telephone Coalition (“SCTC”) filed a Petition to Intervene in this Docket.

7. On May 7, 2012, United Telephone Company of the Carolinas d/b/a CenturyLink (“CenturyLink”) filed a Petition to Intervene in this Docket.

8. On May 9, 2012, AT&T South Carolina (“AT&T”) filed a Petition to Intervene in this Docket.

9. On May 11, 2012, Frontier Communications of the Carolinas, Incorporated (“Frontier”) filed a Petition to Intervene in this Docket.

10. Windstream assesses intrastate switched access charges on other carriers who use Windstream’s network and will need to modify its tariffs to comply with the ICC/USF Reform Order. Thus, Windstream has a direct and substantial interest in the subject matter of the Petition filed by ORS commencing this proceeding.

11. Windstream also receives funds from the South Carolina ILF. To the extent the Commission decides it would be appropriate to consider the issues raised by SCCTA and

CompSouth regarding ILF in the context of this docket, Windstream also has a direct and substantial interest in the appropriate implementation of the FCC Order that is the subject of the Office of Regulatory Staff's Petition in this matter.

12. While Windstream has not fully developed a final position at this time, Windstream believes also that its participation in this proceeding is essential to protect its interests and will aid the Commission in a full and fair consideration and resolution of the issues raised in this proceeding.

13. Granting this Petition will not cause any undue delay, and it will not prejudice any party to this proceeding.

14. Correspondence and communications to Windstream with respect to this proceeding should be directed to undersigned counsel:

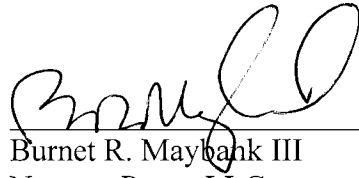
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WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing, Windstream respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Petition to Intervene as a formal party of record, permit its intervention to protect its interests, direct any and all parties of record provide it with a copy of any pleadings, testimony and exhibits or any other filings made in this proceeding, and grant all such other relief that deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this 5th of June, 2012.

Windstream South Carolina, LLC

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Burnet R. Maybank III", written over a horizontal line.

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